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There's nothing like the first snowfall of the season to make the arrival of the holidays official. This year's Winter Arts Guide brims with New York City traditions, including the many local takes on "The Nutcracker" and Radio City's "Christmas Spectacular," as well as new things to do, like the Classical Theatre of Harlem turning "A Christmas Carol" into a story about gentrification and bringing a community together. Don't let a few snowflakes stop you!

FLORIDA TO RECOUNT BALLOTS BY HAND

1 Florida election officials on Thursday ordered a hand recount of ballots in a closely fought U.S. Senate race between Democratic incumbent Bill Nelson and his Republican challenger, Gov. Rick Scott. Nelson trailed Scott by about 12,600 votes, or 0.15 percent of the more than 8 million ballots cast following an electronic recount. Under state law, the Florida Department of State must trigger a manual recount if an electronic recount of ballots finds a margin of victory of less than 0.25 percent. Election officials were expected to inspect by hand any ballots that were designated undervotes or overvotes, cases where the machine that reviewed the ballot concluded that a voter had skipped a contest or marked more than one selection. If the voter's intentions are clear on review by a person, the ballot could be counted. The order came after U.S. District Judge Mark Walker in Tallahassee, Florida, cleared the way to include ballots from as many as 5,000 people across the state who submitted ballots by mail that had been rejected by election officials.

SPACEX OK'D TO EXPAND SATELLITE INTERNET

2 The Federal Communications Commission voted unanimously on Thursday to allow Tesla Inc. Chief Executive Elon Musk's Space X, Telesat Canada and two other companies to roll out new satellite-based broadband services. The FCC voted to grant "market access" requests to Telesat, Kepler Communications Inc. and LeoSat MA, Inc. to offer high-speed internet service and connectivity for sensors and other intelligence devices. The FCC, which had approved SpaceX's initial plans in March, further approved the company's request on Thursday for access to additional frequencies and to operate an additional 7,500 satellites at very low-Earth altitudes. SpaceX previously won approval to deploy 4,425 satellites, but won approval Thursday to operate some of those at lower altitudes. The FCC said, in the order approving the Tesla application, the revisions would "provide SpaceX with additional flexibility to provide both diverse geographic coverage and the capacity to support a wide range of proposed broadband and communications services in the United States and globally."

NEW YORK CITY GETS ITS FIRST SNOWSTORM OF THE SEASON

3 Thursday's winter storm that hit New York City wasn't much of surprise. The severity, however, caught the city — especially its commuters — off guard as the mix of snow, sleet and rain caused hazardous road conditions and even shut down New York's Port Authority. The storm, which at certain points was falling at a rate of 2 to 3 inches per hour, also caused delays on subway lines and trains.

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SOME MEXICO RESIDENTS REJECT MIGRANT ARRIVALS

4 Demonized by President Donald Trump and exhausted after a harrowing journey, migrants from Central America in a caravan now face a new threat: open hostility from some Mexicans. A small group of residents in an upscale Tijuana neighborhood near the Mexican border confronted caravan migrants late on Wednesday, throwing stones and telling them to go back to their home countries. "Get out of here," around 20 people shouted at a camp of Hondurans near the border. "We want you to return to your country. You are not welcome." Migrants shouted back and dozens of police officers had to intervene to keep peace in a city known for welcoming both American tourists and thousands of immigrants every year. A caravan of thousands of mostly Honduran migrants who are fleeing violence and poverty at home set off for the United States in mid-October, with the bulk of them still to arrive at the border. Other large bands of mostly Salvadorans have followed. Trump has declared the caravans an "invasion," and has sent some 5,800 troops to "harden" the border, including with barbed wire.

LENNON'S KILLER RECALLS INNER 'TUG OF WAR'

5 Before he pulled the trigger that ended the life of rock icon John Lennon nearly 38 years ago, his killer remembers being in a "tug of war" with himself over what he was about to do, and even praying for a way out of carrying out his plan. In the end, the compulsion to gain notoriety by killing one of the most famous people in the world proved too powerful, a remorseful Mark David Chapman told parole officials at an Aug. 22 hearing that ended in a decision not to release him. "I was too far in," Chapman, 63, said in a transcript of the hearing released on Thursday by the New York Department of Corrections and Community Supervision. On the afternoon of Dec. 8, 1980, the former member of the Beatles left his New York apartment building on his way to a recording session when he stopped to autograph an album that Chapman, then a pudgy, bespectacled 25-year-old, was holding. It is a moment captured in a now-eerie photograph. "I do remember having the thought of, hey, you have got the album now, look at this, he signed it, just go home, but there was no way I was going to go home," Chapman said.

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Fare hikes, service cuts on horizon as MTA faces budget crisis

The transportation authority looks for additional money streams and tries to fix the subway.

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New York City subway riders could see the base MTA fare increase to $3 under a proposed March 2019 fare hike in an attempt to quell a looming budget crisis at the transportation authority.

The transit authority is facing growing budget concerns as ridership goes down, officials said at a board meeting on Thursday, which could lead to MTA fare hikes as well as road toll increases, or service cuts across subways and buses.

The MTA has already made $16 million less than expected in the last 18 months, and by 2022, the agency anticipates losing $1 billion in fares and tolls.

Part of this budget crisis is due to a drop in ridership, said Robert Foran, MTA's chief financial officer, caused by reduced night and weekend service as the Subway Action Plan takes over train tracks, commuter competition from ride-share services, and rampant fare evasion.

"Fare evasion is a phenomenon not unique to New York. We do have to take action to contain it," said New York City Transit Authority head Andy Byford. "We're doing a comprehensive analysis of fare evasion right now and plan to make a presentation … at the December cycle of meetings."

Byford does not want to resort to service cuts, he said. He understands fare hikes may not please riders, but said something has to be done until the transit agency finds a new revenue stream.

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"[A] mixed message is asking people to pay more and potentially making negative adjustments to service in the meantime. They're saying, 'Hey now, we're paying more for worse service. Why pay more when service hasn't improved?'" Byford said. "One of the reasons it is [the way] it is, is because we don't have any funding."

MTA fare hikes will ultimately make service better by funding repairs, he said, but service may be worse in the short term as rider costs go up and services are reduced for maintenance.

Without additional revenue or service cuts, MTA fares could increase by as much as 15 percent sometime between now and 2022.

Officials proposed two March 2019 MTA fare hike options to the board on Thursday. Option 1 would keep the base MTA fare at $2.75, eliminate bonus fares, raise the 30-day MetroCard from $121 to $127 and raise express bus fares from $6.50 to $7.

Option 2 would raise the base MTA fare to $3, increase fare bonuses 10 percent (buy 10 get one free), raise the 30-day MetroCard to $126.50 and express bus fares to $6.59. Under both, 7-day passes would go up one dollar, from $32 to $33.

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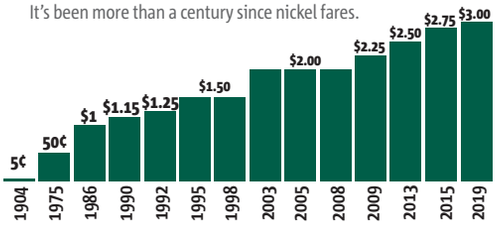

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Poorly maintained New York roads cost drivers $2,800 each year: Report

That's way more than a year's supply of monthly MetroCards.

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New York City's crumbling subway system often frustrates commuters, but those who drive don't have it much better. A new report shows that drivers pay a high price on deteriorating New York roads, and not just in terms of time spent in traffic.

Run-down New York roads cost drivers about $2,800 each a year, according to a new report from TRIP, a national transportation research group. With monthly MetroCards costing $121, that wear-and-tear on vehicles comes out to about $1,350 more than a year of monthly subway passes.

These poorly maintained New York roads and bridges lead to higher vehicle operating costs, traffic accidents and congestion, per the report, which then take money out of drivers' pockets.

Statewide, New York drivers shell out $24.8 billion annually due to "driving on rough roads, lost time and fuel due to congestion-related delays and the costs of traffic crashes in which roadway features likely were a contributing factor."

In 2017, AAA responded to 115,713 flat-tire calls in all of its state territory, and 45,000 flat-tire calls in New York City alone.

"Certainly bad roads have to be responsible for some of them," said Robert Sinclair, AAA Northeast spokesman. He did commend Mayor Bill de Blasio for his lane resurfacing program, but said he worries these flat tires are happening on "secondary and tertiary roadways."

"I know some of these other roads, other than highways, can be in pretty bad shape," he added.

The TRIP report looks at different areas throughout the state, parsing out just how bad those specific New York roads are and how much these infrastructure issues cost local drivers.

For the greater New York City area, which the report classifies as New York-Newark-Jersey City, drivers end up paying the most for poorly maintained roads — $2,768 each annually, compared with $1,863 in Albany-Schenectady-Troy and $1,808 for Poughkeepsie-Newburgh-Middletown roads. Utica roads incurred the lowest costs at $1,262 per driver.

Only 13 percent of roads in the New York-Newark-Jersey City area are in "fair condition," according to the report, and 18 percent are in "good condition."

That means 69 percent of major roads and highways in this area are in "poor or mediocre condition," with the majority of those (46 percent) classified as "poor."

Bridges across the state are deteriorating as well. Ten percent of New York bridges are in "poor condition," according to the TRIP report, and another 53 percent are "fair." A report from the Transportation Builders Association in January found that more than 1,800 bridges in New York state are structurally deficient, making New York home to the 10th-highest number of deficient bridges in the country.

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				2 person	$84,618 - $108,550
	$2,665	3	→	2 people	$101,966 - $108,550
				3 people	$101,966 - $122,070
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NYC immigrant rights group organizing caravan of activists to aid migrants at the border

The New York City immigrant rights group is putting together a group of "thousands" to meet the migrant caravan at the Mexican border and help them with the asylum process.

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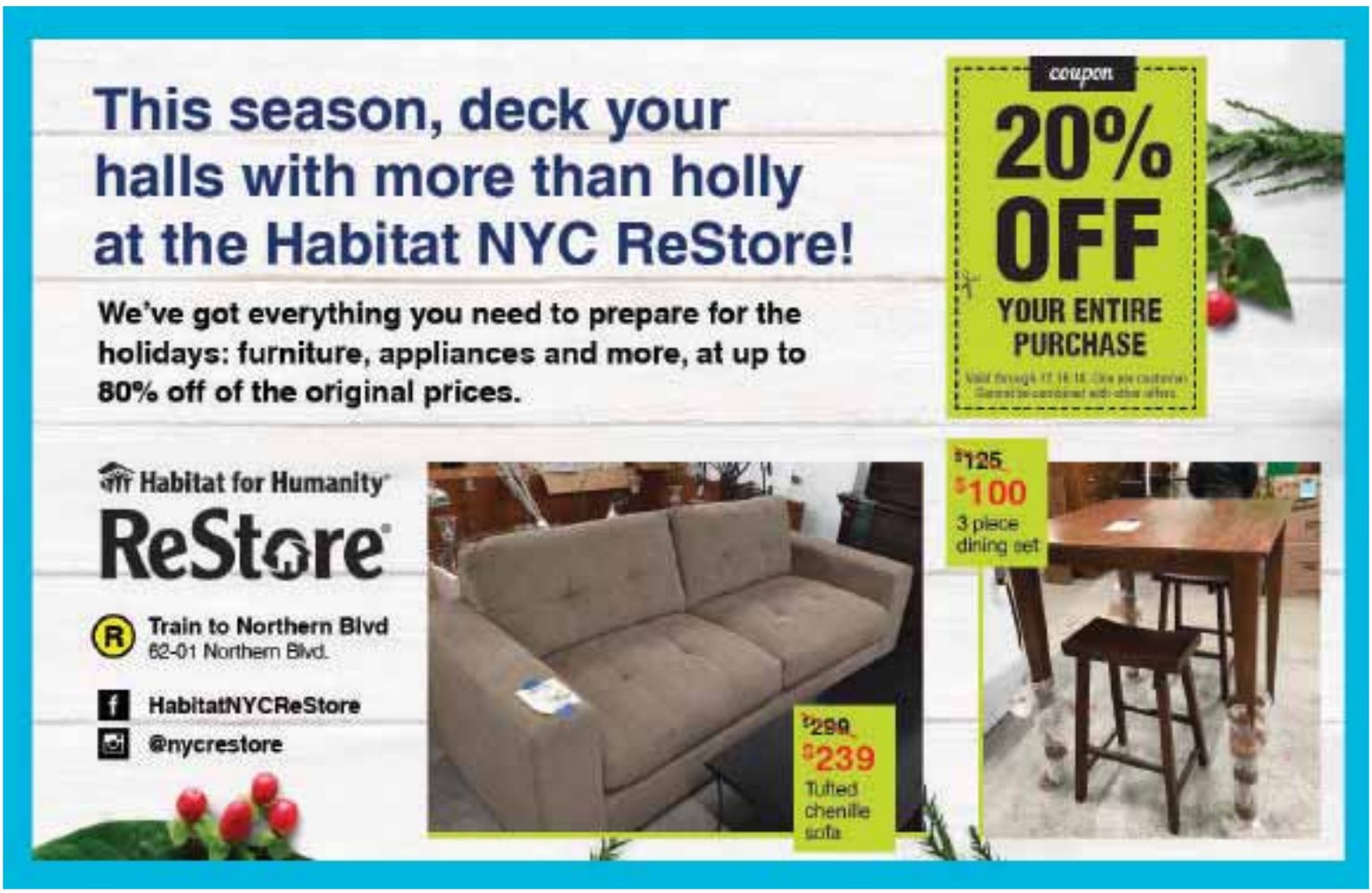
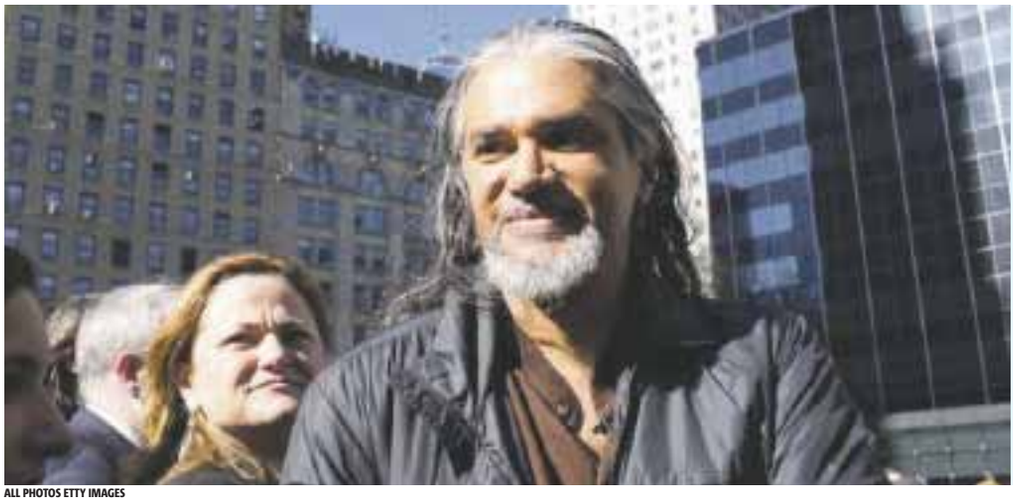
Immigrant-rights group New Sanctuary Coalition is hoping to get thousands of volunteers to camp out at the United States-Mexico border for 40 days and 40 nights to aid caravan migrants as they seek asylum.

New Sanctuary Coalition, a faith-led immigrant rights group based in New York City, is organizing a movement it's dubbed the "Sanctuary Caravan" to support migrants as the Trump administration restricts the path to asylum.

"This is a very critical moment we are in," said Ravi Ragbir, executive director of New Sanctuary Coalition. "We've made a national call for people of faith to stand up … so that we are able to counter the violence that is going to happen, and also to show the president there are more of us — people who are welcoming, people who want to help others live in dignity and safety — than there are of them, people who hate."

The coalition is reaching out to faith leaders and others across the country, asking anyone who can to join or fund the Sanctuary Caravan. The activists are working to coordinate transportation to the San Diego-Tijuana border from





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New York City for those who want to be involved.

At the border, members of the Sanctuary Caravan will be stationed on the Mexico side, at border check-in and on the U.S. side.

Within a "pro se clinic" on the Mexico side, trained individuals will help caravan migrants fill out any necessary paperwork and hone their story for why they are seeking asylum, in preparation for their credible-fear interview.

"This is not a protest. This is working in solidarity with people so they may cross the border and continue their right to ask for asylum as both U.S. and international law says they have a right to do."

Sara Gozalo, an organizer with the coalition

Faith leaders and other volunteers will then physically walk with these migrants to the border checkpoint.

Sara Gozalo, an organizer with the coalition, said that the group will be "demanding that, because our friends will have all their paperwork, everything will be ready, that there is no need for anyone to be detained."

Once the caravan migrants are on the U.S. side, the Sanctuary Coalition will continue to assist them in finding resources and getting to wherever their final destination may be in any state.

"This is not a protest. This is working in solidarity with people so they may cross the border and continue their right to ask for asylum as both U.S. and international law says they have a right to do," Gozalo said. "We are not there to create chaos — quite the opposite. We are there to make it as efficient and as nonchaotic as possible, to process as many people as possible on every single day."

Ragbir expects the Sanctuary Caravan to head to the border in the first week of December as the main migrant caravan arrives. Kaji Dousa, senior pastor at Park Avenue Christian Church and co chair of New Sanctuary Coalition, will herself head down to the border with a group of faith leaders just after Thanksgiving.

On Wednesday, a fraction of the caravan arrived at Tijuana after about 400 LGBTQ migrants broke away from the larger group and boarded fleet buses to the border. Most of the 5,000 other migrants are making the journey largely on foot.

Beginning this week, New Sanctuary Coalition will hold the first legal trainings for caravan volunteers. They will be recorded and available online at sanctuarycaravan.org,which is also where people can sign up to join this effort.

"We understand the radical vision that is part of [this] call. We understand we're in movement moment," said Caroline Murray, national coordinator with New Sanctuary Coalition. "As word gets out, we anticipate many thousands of people to respond to this call. They can participate at home, online, at the border, [in their] community. We want to make sure we're meeting people where they're at, creating ways for everyone to participate in this moment of really welcoming our brothers and sisters to the United States."

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Trump claims people voted illegally in midterms by changing clothes

The president said, without evidence, that it's the reason Republicans performed poorly in the midterm elections.

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On Wednesday President Trump claimed, without evidence, that people illegally voted multiple times in the midterm elections by changing clothes.

In an interview with the conservative website Daily Caller, Trump said that was why Republicans performed poorly in the midterms. He also argued that GOP-favored voter ID laws should be adopted because you need ID to buy cereal.

"The Republicans don't win and that's because of potentially illegal votes," Trump told the Caller. "When people get in line that have absolutely no right to vote and they go around in circles. Sometimes they go to their car, put on a different hat, put on a different shirt, come in and vote again. Nobody takes anything. It's really a disgrace what's going on," he added.

Trump also made the case for voter ID laws — which have been shown to disenfranchise minority voters — by repeating his assertion that Americans need ID to purchase groceries.

"If you buy a box of cereal, you have a voter ID," said Trump. "They try to shame everybody by calling them racist, or calling them something, anything they can think of, when you say you want voter ID. But voter ID is a very important thing."

This week, Trump has criticized Florida election officials as recounts in the state's governor and Senate races continue. He and Senate candidate Gov. Rick Scott have alleged, without evidence, that voter fraud has occurred in the state to the detriment of Republicans. Scott has said that Democrats are trying to "steal the election" by insisting that recounts go forward.

Early in his term, Trump said, without evidence, that three million people had voted illegally in the 2016 presidential election. The White House eventually admitted there were no facts to support the president's claim.

Voter fraud has been found to be exceedingly rare, particularly the in-person voter fraud Trump describes. In 2017, the Brennan Center for Justice said voter impersonation rates stand at "between 0.0003 percent and 0.0025 percent."

0.0003%-0.0025%

Voter impersonation rates in 2017, according to the Brennan Center for Justice

According to The Washington Post, only four cases of in-person voter fraud were found in the 2016 presidential election. Three of them involved Trump supporters. None of them involved people changing clothes in their cars.

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Crews still searching for bodies a week after fire destroys California town

Fueled by high winds and low humidity, the Camp Fire ripped through the town of Paradise, charring over 140,000 acres, killing at least 56 people and destroying over 8,500 homes and businesses. GETTY IMAGES

Firefighting crews made progress against the deadliest wildfire in California history on Thursday amid concerns that the death toll of 56 would rise as search teams work their way through the burned-out town of Paradise in the state's north.

A week after the Camp Fire roared through Paradise, more than 9,000 personnel are fighting the blaze, as well as the Woolsey Fire hundreds of miles to the south.

Authorities attributed the high number of casualties to the staggering speed with which the wind-driven flames incinerated Paradise. Nearly 8,700 homes were destroyed and 15,500 buildings threatened, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire) said on Thursday.

Cal Fire said that 40 percent of the Camp Fire had been contained, up from 35 percent, even as the blaze grew 2,000 acres to 140,000 acres.

U.S. National Guard troops are in Paradise, a town of about 27,000 in the Sierra Foothills about 175 miles north of San Francisco, looking for remains of victims. One hundred thirty people, most over the age of 65, were still listed as missing.

Authorities fear that in the crush to flee the fast-approaching flames, some elderly residents may have been left behind. At least 22 cadaver dogs are part of the search.

Those who survived the flames but lost their homes were adapting to a refugee lifestyle, with many finding a haven at a still-open Walmart in Paradise. A section of the store's parking lot was roped off for use as a distribution center for clothes, food and coffee, while people who fled their homes set up dozens of tents in an adjacent field or slept in their cars in the parking lot. Portable toilets were brought in.

Evacuees milling in the parking lot faced morning temperatures that dropped into the mid-30s and many wore breathing masks for protection from lingering smoke.

Nicole and Eric Montague, along with their 16-year-old daughter, went to the Walmart parking lot for free food but have been living with extended family in Chico, about 12 miles away, in a one-bedroom apartment filled with 15 people and nine dogs.

They said they were aware a fire was coming toward Paradise last week but were stunned by how quickly it arrived.

"We didn't have any time to react," Eric said. "The news didn't even know the fire was coming. It just happened so quick."

Nicole said she decided to flee once her home's mailbox caught fire and neighbors' propane tanks began exploding. With approaching flames and immovable traffic, her evacuation with her daughter was so harrowing that she called Eric to say they were going to die.

"I called him and said, 'Honey, I'm not going to make it, I love you,'" Nicole said.

Paradise's ghostly expanse of empty lots covered in ash and strewn with twisted wreckage and debris made a strong impression on Gov. Jerry Brown, U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and other officials who toured the devastation on Wednesday and were due to visit the scene of the Woolsey Fire on Thursday.

Paradise's police department stepped up patrols after arresting three people on charges of looting. The department is relying on equipment from other police departments and is running off a generator, Sergeant Steve Bertagna told KRCR TV.

Thirteen of the department's 30 officers have lost their homes, KRCR TV said.

The blaze, fueled by thick, drought-desiccated scrub, has capped two back-to-back catastrophic wildfire seasons in California that scientists largely ascribe to prolonged drought that is symptomatic of climate change. REUTERS

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					2 people	$74,709 - $108,550
					3 people	$74,709 - $122,070
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Jurors in 'El Chapo' trial told of Mexico's drug wars, corruption

Jesus Zambada told jurors about murder plots he was a part of during Thursday's testimony.

A key prosecution witness in the U.S. trial of Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman on Thursday told jurors that there were "a lot of deaths" as the accused Mexican drug lord and his associates built the Sinaloa cartel in the 1990s through bloody conflict with rival drug traffickers.

Jesus Zambada told the jury that his brother, Ismael "El Mayo" Zambada, and Guzman used armies of sicarios, or assassins, to kill their enemies. Zambada, who has pleaded guilty to U.S. criminal charges, was testifying for a second day in Brooklyn federal court under an agreement to cooperate with prosecutors.

Guzman is accused of directing massive shipments of cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine and marijuana to the United States. He faces life in prison if he is convicted of the 17 criminal counts against him.

One of Guzman's lawyers, Jeffrey Lichtman, told jurors in his opening statement that Ismael Zambada, who remains at large, actually controlled the cartel, and Guzman was a scapegoat framed with the help of corrupt Mexican officials.

Zambada on Thursday told the story of the Sinaloa cartel's emergence in the early 1990s. He said Guzman formed an alliance with several other drug lords to take on the powerful Arellano Felix drug trafficking family.

> **"There are always a lot of deaths."**
> Jesus Zambada

"There are always a lot of deaths," he said of the cartel's wars.

Victims included patrons shot at a nightclub in Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, where Zambada said Guzman tried, and failed, to kill one of the Arellano Felixes in 1992.

Zambada admitted he took part in several murder plots himself, though he said he never personally killed anyone.

He was wounded in a gunfight with enemy sicarios, and another one of his brothers, who had no involvement in the drug trade, was shot at his doorstep in Cancun, he said.

Dressed in dark blue prison clothing and speaking through an interpreter, Zambada also testified that the Sinaloa cartel bought off officials at every level of government, including Mexican state governors, national attorneys general and members of the international police organization Interpol, to ensure safe passage for its products.

While in charge of cartel operations in Mexico City, Zambada said, he personally paid about $300,000 in bribes every month. On one occasion, he said, he paid a $100,000 bribe to a general at the explicit direction of Guzman.

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De Blasio announces new bike lane ahead of L train shutdown

Mayor Bill de Blasio announced on Thursday the opening of a new two-way protected bike lane on Manhattan's Lower East Side along Delancey Street. The bike lane will provide a safer option for bicycle commuters who are traveling to and from the Williamsburg Bridge.

The bridge, already crowded with cyclists during rush hour, will play a central role during the L train shutdown since half of L train riders are expected to travel daily over the bridge.

"We are doing critical work now to help mitigate New Yorkers' pain during the L train repairs," Mayor de Blasio said in a statement. "We look forward to welcoming thousands of daily cyclists to the new protected bike lane down Delancey Street, which will be a key link in our transportation network when the L train tunnel shuts down."

"Delancey Street serves as the bridge's front door, and the new bike lane there will play an outsized role as a vital connector for thousands of new bicycle commuters."
DOT Commissioner Polly Trottenberg

The new bike lane is expected to make safer and more seamless connections to and from most of Manhattan by connecting the Williamsburg Bridge bike path with the Allen Street/1st Avenue/Pike Street lanes and the Chrystie Street/2nd Avenue protected lanes.

"Increasing access for cyclists will help make the Williamsburg Bridge a showpiece for how we can and will keep New Yorkers moving during next year's challenging shutdown," DOT Commissioner Polly Trottenberg said in a statement.

Between 2012 and 2016, Delancey Street saw 24 serious traffic injuries and two fatalities, both pedestrians. Delancey Street has for long been a focus of Mayor de Blasio's Vision Zero initiative aimed to prevent traffic deaths and injuries, where protected bike lanes have proven to reduce crashes and increase street safety for all street users.

"Delancey Street serves as the bridge's front door, and the new bike lane there will play an outsized role as a vital connector for thousands of new bicycle commuters, joining more than 100,000 new daily train and bus commuters on the bridge when the L train tunnel closes," Trottenberg said.

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Taurus Carefully examine any offer or suggestion you receive. You should be reluctant to work alongside anyone who exaggerates or causes emotional discord.

Gemini Take time to go over any last-minute decisions. Don't trust anyone else to take care of your affairs. A partner will give you the wrong impression.

Cancer A short trip, educational pursuit or social event will lead to interesting information. Do your due diligence and verify the information offered to you.

Leo Focus on personal changes that will improve your life and help you reach long-term goals. A romantic gesture will encourage a change to your current living conditions.

Virgo Keep life simple and your conversations precise. Ask for verification if someone makes a statement that sounds implausible. Stick to what and who you know and trust.

Libra Trying to change someone else will be a waste of time. Look inward and consider what you can do to bring about positive personal changes to enhance your life and future.

Scorpio Overreaction should be a red flag that makes you stand up and take note. Whether it's you or someone else making a scene, it will be a sign that something's not right.

Sagittarius Mixing emotions with business or important decisions will lead to a dust-up that you could end up taking the blame for. Listen carefully and stick to the facts.

Capricorn A steady pace forward will help you reach your goal. Letting what other people do or say hinder you will be a lesson you won't soon forget. Keep your distance from unpredictable influences.

Aquarius Address any problems you face before it's too late. Handle matters personally to avoid misunderstanding or extra costs. Personal improvements will boost your morale. Romance is highlighted.

Pisces Question anyone trying to push or pressure you to do something that doesn't feel right. Emotions will mount if you aren't true to yourself and your beliefs. EUGENIA LAST

WINTER ARTS GUIDE

‘Spectacular’ sisters

“Parade of the Wooden Soldiers” dates from the original Rockettes routine in 1933. The famous ladies of the “Christmas Spectacular” have added a new number this year, called “Christmas Lights.” ALL PHOTOS PROVIDED

These sisters get to live their Rockettes dreams together as the stars of Radio City’s “Christmas Spectacular.”

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The Rockettes are New York City royalty during the holiday season, starring in Radio City’s “Christmas Spectacular.” Onstage, they’re a marvel of precision and coordination, a product of six-hour daily rehearsals and a bond as strong as sisters.

But a very talented few among the team of 80 Rockettes get to perform in that famous kick line alongside their actual sisters. We spoke with Alison and Kristin Jantzie from Canada and Katherine and Sarah Daniels from Michigan, who are not just new to the Rockettes — it’s their first Christmas in New York.

Living their dream at 18 years old

Katherine and Sarah Daniels officially had been Rockettes for only about seven weeks when we spoke. “It’s a lot, I wouldn’t expect anything less of this company,” says Katherine. “It’s such a special process, though, because it’s the holiday season, and just to be part of this legacy is an honor, so I just feel lucky and blessed to be with my sister.”

Growing up just outside of Detroit, Michigan, the twin sisters were home-schooled by their mom, who was also their dance teacher. Their days often stretched from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., but they knew their goal since seeing the Rockettes perform in Detroit when they were eight years old and were so impressed by their athleticism, coordination and teamwork. “Especially being with my sister, I’ve always felt more comfortable in a team setting, and it felt totally natural,” says Sarah.

They auditioned twice, once in April and again in August, when they were hired. After that, they had about two weeks to pack up their lives and move to New York.

Part of the Rockettes is the legacy — the “Parade of the Wooden Soldiers” has been performed by every Rockette since the group was founded in 1933. But there is one number this year that is new to every Rockette: a new finale called “Christmas Lights,” which includes 100 drones flying in formation along with the dancers onstage.

“We have so many traditional numbers that it’s very rare we get to create a brand-new scene,” says Katherine. And to get to have her sister along makes the experience even better: “It’s awesome to get to see her live her dream, because it’s very special that we even had the same dream to begin with.”

Following in her big sister’s dance steps

“I grew up in a really small town in western Canada, so the idea of becoming a professional dancer or a Rockette was probably one of the most far-fetched dreams you could have,” says Alison Jantzie.

She credits watching her two older sisters pursue their dance careers with keeping her going after not finding success immediately out of high school. Alison turned to college to refine her skills as a musical-theater major, a path that felt “comfortable.”

Katherine and Sarah Daniels

Kristin and Alison Jantzie

But that changed the night she saw her sister as a Rockette in a touring production of the “Christmas Spectacular” in Detroit.

“I remember just sitting in the audience, crying my eyes out because she just looked so stunning,” she recalls. “You watch someone grow up and you admire them your entire life, and then you see her up there living her dream and you think, ‘Well, she’s doing it, I think I gotta give it a try.’”

It took her a few years to get the courage to audition in 2011, but with her sister’s advice — “Listen to the details” — and wearing a pair of her tap shoes for luck, Alison earned a spot among the 500 hopefuls.

Growing up together and pushing each other in the way sisters do actually helped prepare them for the rigors of life as a Rockette, says Kristin. Alison is grateful to have her for another reason, too: “It is so reassuring and she’s so centered as a person, nothing fazes her. It’s nice to have someone who knows you and has been there a few years tell you, ‘Alison, breathe.’”

All aboard!

The New York Botanical Garden's annual Holiday Train Show spotlights Lower Manhattan. EVA KIS

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One World Trade is the centerpiece of this year's Holiday Train Show.

Each holiday season, a literal urban jungle springs up in the Bronx with the annual Holiday Train Show at the New York Botanical Garden. Hundreds of feet of track wind through a landscape of New York City's neighborhoods recreated in vines, twigs, bark, seeds, moss and more, and this year Lower Manhattan is taking the spotlight.

"On one hand it's a holiday tradition for visitors, who bring their family and friends from out of town, but we also try to add new buildings each year," says Karen Daubmann, associate vice president for exhibitions and public engagement at the New York Botanical Garden.

Now in its 27th year, the Holiday Train Show takes over the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory from Saturday, Nov. 17 through Jan. 21, 2019 with creations by the botanical artists at Applied Imagination.

Among the new additions are the historic Battery Maritime Building, the Battery Park Control House (better known these days as the Bowling Green subway station), the Woolworth Building, the Oculus, Chelsea's Terminal Warehouse and, most notably, One World Trade: Made of twigs criss-crossing through glassworks, "it's much more organic than you expect it to be; it is tall and it just glows."

These additions join the neighborhood's existing icons, the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island replicas, to become part of the collection of over 175 NYC buildings and landmarks. "We've really focused on historic buildings in the past, so we thought it was time to add One World Trade to the mix," says Daubmann. "The skills of Applied Imagination have really grown in the 26 years we've now worked with them, and they were able to do a really modern building for us."

But it's not a building that has Daubmann most excited. Though the Holiday Train Show has had botanical airplanes and trains before, this year's addition of two vintage ferry boats from the early 1900s is the first nautical feature.

The revamped 30 Rockefeller Center

"This is my 12th Holiday Train Show and I was desperate to do ferry boats," she says. Not having the Staten Island Ferry, "one of the most iconic ways to see that part of the city," felt like something was missing from the exhibit. "We have so many beautiful water features within the train show, we thought for sure we should add some ferry boats."

Throughout the exhibit, special nights with live music and dancing, food tastings and the popular 21+ Bar Car Nights with entertainment cocktails are also back, with the new Bronx Night Market popping up serving neighborhood bites. Then starting Dec. 29, Thomas the Tank Engine returns for even more train fun.

Besides adding new buildings each year, classic ones are also upgraded given the natural decay that happens. Last year, the Empire State Building and Chrysler Building were among the ones that got a spruce (so to speak). So even if you've seen the show before, it changes a little every year — just like the real New York City.

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Taking on gentrification with a holiday classic

"A Christmas Carol in Harlem" wants to unite a rapidly changing community.

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Classical Theatre of Harlem's take on "A Christmas Carol" shows how a changing community can still be full of joy. JILL JONES

In 1920, the Harlem Renaissance saw the black community embrace its identity and declare its traditions and art an equal part of American culture. Now, almost 100 years later, Harlem is facing a very different kind of renaissance because of gentrification — but that doesn't have to be a bad thing, as a new adaptation of holiday classic "A Christmas Carol in Harlem" shows.

Anthony Vaughn-Merchant. PROVIDED

The Classical Theatre of Harlem has reimagined Charles Dickens' story of Ebenezer Scrooge, the miserly old man who's visited by ghosts from his past, present and future urging him to change his ways, into a story about gentrification.

"Scrooge is a real estate mogul," says Ty Jones, the producing artistic director of Classical Theatre of Harlem. "He has a 'rent-to-own company' that, while it is completely legal, it might be a little dodgy in the sense that there are so many loopholes that you probably are never going to own your property."

Instead of 17th-century London, this adaptation by Shawn René Graham begins in modern-day Harlem, moving back in time to the '70s and seeing a way forward that maintains the community spirit of the neighborhood. Because you can't have a play about Harlem without music, Kahlil X. Daniel has written songs that "would absolutely be in place during those times," says Anthony Vaughn Merchant, a veteran actor with the company who stars as Scrooge.

"We have a Christmas rap that is on point, old-school, early-'80s Kurtis Blow-style," he says. "There's a Christmas boogie down that's a perfect mid-'70s sound. All of these songs are emblematic of the time they're meant to take place."

Classical Theatre of Harlem was founded in 1999 and has tackled works by classic playwrights from Shakespeare and Chekhov to Sophocles but with a modern sensibility. "We like to tell stories through the lens of the African diaspora that honor the cultural literacy of the neighborhood in which we were founded," says Jones. "We take original adaptations and, I like to say, dust them off a bit for a 21st-century audience."

"A Christmas Carol in Harlem" aims to become a new holiday classic in the city, as embraced as the Rockettes or "The Nutcracker." It's for "anyone who has made Harlem their home, whether it was yesterday or their family has been there five generations," says Merchant. "There's nothing wrong with coming to Harlem. It's how you move in — you're being welcomed into a legacy, but you can't change that, you get to be part of it and add to that legacy rather than trying to destroy it."

It's not too late for Harlem to turn out differently than some of the other stories of gentrification that have unfolded in New York City. By changing his ways, this Scrooge — just like every one of us — has a chance not just save his own soul but that of his entire community.

"It is 'A Christmas Carol,' and we do want to make sure people walk away with real joy," says Jones. "However, I think it's always important to have real substantive meaning, for you to walk away from this play engaged in real conversation about the world in which we live today."

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"Nutcracker Rouge"

Is it getting hot in here, or is it just the sultry cast of Company XIV? Austin McCormick's company of multi-talented artists span vaudeville, burlesque, circus, opera and ballet, and they use all of it to present a Baroque-style "Nutcracker" that's sensual and opulent, taking the coming-of-age story and making it a story of sexual awakening. Their new, custom-built Bushwick theater provides the perfect theater-meets-nightclub setting and has expanded the troupe's creative horizons. Even watching the show is a treat: VIPs can lounge on their own couch while sipping champagne. *Nov. 18-Jan. 13, 2019, Théâtre XIV, 383 Troutman St., Brooklyn, tickets start at $65, companyxiv.com*

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"The Yorkville Nutcracker"

The original Russian production of "The Nutcracker" premiered in 1892 — and some-

"The Hard Nut." JULIETA CERVANTES

George Balanchine's "The Nutcracker." PAUL KOLNIK

"The Hip-Hop Nutcracker." PROVIDED

how wasn't a hit. With considerably more critical acclaim, Francis Patrelle's playful version sets the story in 1895 New York City instead, and casts dancers of all ages for a professional production with the warmth and inclusivity of community theater. Starting with a holiday party at Gracie Mansion, the delightful spectacle includes a midnight skate in Central Park and a sleigh ride to the New York Botanical Garden's glittering Crystal Palace. ***Dec. 6-9, The Kaye Playhouse at Hunter College, 695 Park Ave., $55-$65, dancespatrelle.org***

"Keith Michael's The Nutcracker"

At just an hour long, the New York Theatre Ballet's "Nutcracker" is a kid-friendly steampunk wonder. Clockwork characters and a flying mechanical owl are just some of the wonders brought to life by Keith Michael and his company. The score and dancing are classic, but everything else gets a playful twist, from the Art Nouveau set to mice dressed in polka dots (the Metropolitan Opera's Sylvia Taalsohn Nolan designed the costumes). And the best part? You can catch the production for free at Brookfield Place. ***Nov. 30-Dec. 2, Winter Garden at Brookfield Place, 230 Vesey St., free, bfplny.com; Dec. 14-16, Florence Gould Hall, 55 E. 59th St., $26, nytb.org***

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Named for a story within "The Nutcracker," "The Hard Nut" is the Mark Morris Dance Group's retro homage that blends modern, ballet and folk dancing. The '70s setting and pop art scenery by cartoonish Charles Burns prime you for a playful production with modern touches like a Barbie doll and G.I. Joe action figures, gender-fluid casting and a 53-piece orchestra. It's a wholly theatrical affair that remains faithful to the original story. ***Dec. 14-23, Peter Jay Sharp Building at BAM, 30 Lafayette Ave., Brooklyn, tickets from $35, bam.org***

"The Brooklyn Nutcracker"

The borough is well represented in the Brooklyn Ballet's multicultural take on "The Nutcracker," swapping in a belly dancer, Caribbean moves, a Native American hoop dancer and a hip-hop Herr Drosselmeyer as the "magical, crazy uncle" (in the words of the show's director and choreographer, Lynn Parkerson). High-tech costumes twinkle as the action skips much of the original show's trappings (including chunks of Tchaikovsky's score) in favor of reveling in the fantasy. Go with the flow, as Brooklyn teaches, and you'll be rewarded. ***Dec. 14, Kings Theatre, 1027 Flatbush Ave., Brooklyn, tickets from $40, brooklynballet.org***

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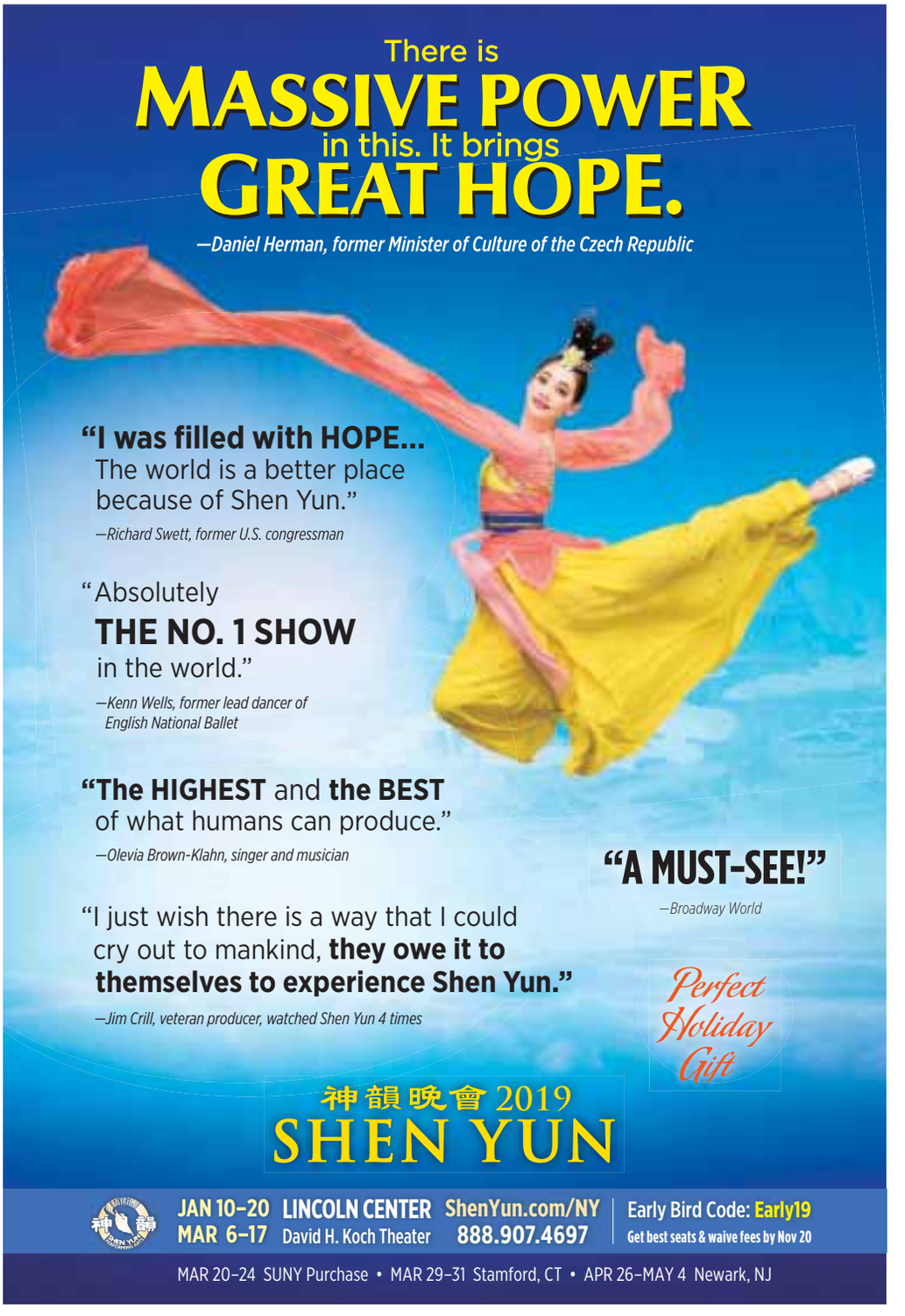
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Music, color, glitter and rainbows — if these sound like the ingredients for a good time and you're under the age of 10, then Dreamworks' "Trolls: The Experience" is officially open for playtime.

The wildly popular 2016 film and current Netflix series have spun the Trolls you probably had on your childhood dresser into their own new universe for kids today. "Trolls: The Experience" is an interactive gallery that not only transports you inside their world but gives you a very important job to do: Help Poppy pull together a Best Day Ever celebration.

"We have made it more than just a museum and more than just a place to take pictures and have those social media moments," says James Shea, show director and creative development for Feld Entertainment, which created the gallery. "We've turned it into a show that we are depositing you as a guest in the center of, and you're actually going to be embarking on a journey."

To do that, of course, you first must embrace your inner Troll, so the fun begins with a trip to the Hair We Go Salon. The standard makeover includes colorful hair clips and temporary tattoos, but a $50 upgrade gets you a full face of Troll makeup done by a professional makeup artist and a giant wig to match.

Then you step onto the rainbow path and the fun begins. There's Branch's Musical Mashup, where kids create their own custom beats; collecting floating gems in the Caterbus; a detour to Critter Creek; and a trip to the Bergen Tree to see where the Trolls live. Along the way, guides called Poppy Party Pals bring the story to life (and help with taking photos, of course). After making sure everything is checked off the list — and collecting a handful of trinkets along the way to keep — you arrive at Poppy's party, where kids don Glitter Goggles to dance alongside their favorite Trolls with the help of holographic and 3-D technology.

The 90-minute experience ends with a special treat: a Trolls outpost of New York's own City Bakery, where you'll find exclusive (read: rainbow-colored) versions of some of their most popular treats, including a pink edition of their popular hot chocolate.

"If you love tasty treats, that cafe space is open to all of our guests regardless of whether you come in to do the experience," says Shea.

DreamWorks' "Trolls: The Experience" is open daily, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., now through May 12, 2019, at 218 W. 57th St. Tickets start at $40, trollstheexperience.com

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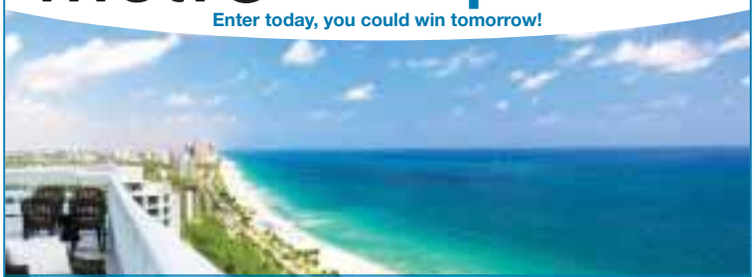

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Could Warriors feud push KD to Knicks?

A fractured relationship between two of the Warriors' biggest names could result in the Knicks' gain.

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Kevin Durant (left) and Draymond Green (right) grabbed headlines after an on-court argument. GETTY IMAGES

Rumors of Golden State Warriors star Kevin Durant heading to the New York Knicks this upcoming summer have only gotten stronger over the past week.

With the possibility of Durant opting out of his contract after this season to explore free agency, Monday night saw the first real evidence of a fracture between the 30-year-old and his teammates.

In the final seconds of regulation in what would become a loss to the Los Angeles Clippers, Draymond Green refused to pass the ball to Durant, who was calling for the ball to facilitate the offense and get a look at a final shot.

What ensued was a heated exchange on the bench that saw Green reportedly challenge Durant about his impending free agency, according to the Athletic's Shams Charania.

Durant was even caught by television cameras saying "That's why I'm out" to Green during the argument.

The Warriors overwhelmingly sided with Durant, in what could be an attempt to appease him, suspending Green without pay for Tuesday night's game against the Atlanta Hawks.

While the organization might be trying to get back into Durant's good graces in an attempt to keep him on board next year and beyond, that feeling isn't necessarily extending into the Warriors' locker room.

An anonymous player told Marcus Thompson of the Athletic that "there is already no way" that Durant decides to re-sign with the Warriors.

That might throw a serious roadblock in Golden State's plan of continuing their dominant dynasty — but it is great news for Knicks fans.

Durant has been linked to the Knicks since this summer, a move offering an opportunity for the two-time Finals MVP to restore his image.

Going to the Knicks and helping a mediocre franchise win a championship would show the NBA world that Durant could be the main man of a franchise and not just a supporting member of a super-team.

The Knicks have two max-salary roster spots available in Summer 2019, where they will be heavy contenders for big names like Durant, Kyrie Irving, Klay Thompson and Kawhi Leonard.

Durant, though, has reportedly already shown an affinity for New York and the Knicks.

"The New York Knicks have a very good shot at luring KD away from the Bay Area," ESPN's Chris B. Haynes said in October. "The same allure that LeBron [James] had toward the Los Angeles Lakers — just the building, the culture — is the same way I know that KD feels about the Knicks."

The more Durant bickers and argues with his Warriors teammates, the more Knicks fans will believe the superstar lands in Madison Square Garden come 2019.

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Saquon Barkley and the Giants look for their second straight win. GETTY IMAGES

Neither Tampa nor New York are trending well coming into this matchup; the Bucs have dropped six of their last seven while the Giants are 0-4 at home this season. But "Big Blue" exits a win over the 49ers in which they showed signs of improvement off a bye. Their highly-scrutinized offensive line allowed just one sack, enabling Eli Manning to toss a season-high three TDs and no INTs.

In many ways, Tampa Bay is an inferior version of San Francisco. Their league-worst defense by points per game allowed doesn't bring down the quarterback as often and the Ryan Fitzpatrick-led offense is downright callous with the football. The Bucs have already committed 25 turnovers this year, the worst mark in the NFL. That's led to a dreadful minus-19 turnover ratio. They also just canned kicker Chandler Catanzaro after he missed two field goals in a 16-3 home loss to Washington. Cairo Santos, 5-for-6 on field goals as well as extra points for the Rams earlier this year, steps in.

Saquon Barkley and Odell Beckham Jr. should make their impression felt as the Giants dispatch a beleaguered Bucs team.

Prediction: Giants win, 27-21
The play: Giants -1

EAGLES AT SAINTS (-9)

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The Saints are running like a well-oiled machine, winning and covering in seven straight games. Drew Brees and company should make it eight in a row against the Eagles in the Superdome this Sunday.

Philly is 2-6 in their last eight against the spread and just lost top cornerback Ronald Darby to a torn ACL. He was the last man standing on a devastated secondary that's 23rd in passing yards allowed per game. Brees, with Michael Thomas and new target Brandon Marshall, should pick apart the Eagles through the air in this one.

The Eagles' ground game has been inhibited by injuries this year, and it seems unlikely that they'll be able to get anything going against New Orleans' top-rated run stoppers. Carson Wentz should be able to attack the Saints' vulnerable secondary (31st in passing yards per game allowed), but Golden Tate's lack of involvement in his first game in Philly (four targets) does not inspire confidence.

This is a large number, but New Orleans' high-octane offense looks impossible to stop at the moment.

Prediction: Saints win, 37-24
The play: Saints -9

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Yankees in on Paxton, but what about Bumgarner?

As December draws near, the Yankees continue to explore the trade market.

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While Bryce Harper and Manny Machado will dominate Major League Baseball's offseason, the New York Yankees are doing their due diligence on the mound instead.

Top-end starting pitching is at the top of the Yankees' offseason to-do list after it became abundantly clear during a 100-win 2018 that the rotation was the missing piece of a championship puzzle.

Luis Severino's second-half struggles were cause for concern while Masahiro Tanaka was inconsistent and injury-troubled. CC Sabathia has been brought back on the cheap as a dependable No. 4 or 5 starter, but that's all we know about New York's rotation right now.

Sonny Gray will be traded this offseason after a miserable stay in the Bronx while J.A. Happ is going to test the free-agent waters. Jordan Montgomery will provide the Yankees with another left-handed option besides Sabathia, but he is coming off Tommy John surgery.

Even when healthy, he isn't going to provide top three stuff in a rotation, which the Yankees need from a left-hander in 2019 to support the righties in Severino and Tanaka.

When it comes to the Yankees, it isn't a question of if general manager Brian Cashman will get the talent, but when.

According to TJ Cotterill of the News Tribune, the Seattle Mariners are actively shopping their left-handed ace, James Paxton. Among the teams in discussions are the Yankees as well as the Houston Astros.

Paxton had a down season after a big 2017, when he went 12-5 with a 2.98 ERA. Even though his ERA ballooned to 3.76 in 2018, he hit a career high in innings at 160.1 and strikeouts with 208.

Bringing the 30-year-old on and throwing him near the top of the Yankees rotation would likely heap plenty of pressure on Paxton's shoulders. Given his playing in a small market and inexperience throwing a lot of innings, it could be a risky move to make him the lone, big signing of the offseason for the rotation.

Another big-name left-handed ace could be available this winter, the kind with postseason experience and innings-eating unrivaled in today's game.

With the San Francisco Giants bringing on a new general manager in Farhan Zaidi, the question of Madison Bumgarner's availability on the trade market has resurfaced.

Zaidi holds no loyalty to Bumgarner or the Giants teams that won three championships in 2010, 2012 and 2014. And with the team continuously finishing behind the Los Angeles Dodgers in the NL West, wholesale changes could be on the agenda.

That includes trading Bumgarner.

The 29-year-old has been riddled with injuries over the last two years, limiting him to under 130 innings each year. In 36 starts during that span, his numbers have been decent enough as he sported a 3.29 ERA with 210 strikeouts in 240 innings.

But a healthy Bumgarner in 2019 provides the promise of one of baseball's most dominant pitchers. From 2013-2016, he put up a 2.86 ERA while averaging 226 strikeouts per year.

Then comes the postseason résumé that has seen him go 8-3 with a 2.11 ERA. He's even more dominant in the World Series, going 4-0 with five starts to go with an ERA of just 0.25. That's just one earned run in 36 innings of work on baseball's biggest stage.

Imagine if the Yankees had that in the postseason?

If the Giants begin to listen to offers on Bumgarner, it wouldn't be surprising if the Yankees are at the front of the line.

Could Madison Bumgarner (left) be an option for the Yankees, along with James Paxton (right)? GETTY IMAGES

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NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT
COUNTY OF QUEENS
WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff
AGAINST Adam N. Rodriguez,
Hilda E. DeJesus aka Hilda DeJesus,
Jennifer Reyes, Geico General
Insurance Company, Criminal Court
of the City of New York, New York
City Environmental Control Board,
New York City Parking Violations
Bureau, New York City Transit
Adjudication Bureau, Christina
Rodriguez, Simoan Fraser,
Ashley Fraser, et al, Defendant
Pursuant to a Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale duly dated
9/13/18 and entered on 10/2/18, I,
the undersigned Referee, will sell
at public auction at the Queens
County Courthouse, 88-11 Sutphin
Blvd., Courtroom 25, Jamaica, NY
on December 14, 2018 at 10:00
AM premises known as 122- 32
Rockaway Boulevard,
South Ozone Park, NY 11420.
All that certain plot piece or parcel
of land, with the buildings and
improvements erected, situate,
lying and being in the County of
Queens, City and State of New York,
BLOCK: 11716, LOT: 41.
Approximate amount of judgment
is $661,193.46 plus interests and
costs. Premises will be sold subject
to provisions of filed Judgment
Index # 704108/2013. For sale
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David Weprin, Referee
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SUPREME COURT OF THE
STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF QUEENS
U.S. BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE
FOR LSF9 MASTER
PARTICIPATION TRUST,
V. HATERAM SINGH; ET. AL.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
pursuant to a Final Judgment
of Foreclosure dated August 09,
2017, and entered in the Office
of the Clerk of the County of
Queens, wherein U.S. BANK, N.A.
AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER
PARTICIPATION TRUST is the
Plaintiff and HATERAM SINGH;
ET AL. are the Defendant(s).
I, the undersigned Referee will sell
at public auction at the QUEENS
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Attorneys for Plaintiff.
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POSTPONED TO
NOV. 30, 2018 AT 10:00 A.M.
AT THE SAME PLACE.
ELIZABETH GILL, REFEREE.
SUPREME COURT:
QUEENS COUNTY.
MEDISYS EMPLOYEES
FEDERAL CREDIT UNION,
Pltf. vs. NARENDRA
PERSAUD, et al, Defts.
Index #3435/14. Pursuant to
order confirming referee report
and judgment of foreclosure
and sale dated Aug. 21, 2018,
I will sell at public auction at
the Queens County Supreme
Court, 88-11 Sutphin Blvd,
Jamaica, NY, in Courtroom
#25, on Friday Nov. 30, 2018
at 10:00 a.m. prem. k/a 114-19
131st St., South Ozone Park,
NY 11420. Said property
located on the easterly side of
131st St., 172.32 ft. southerly
from the corner formed by the
intersection of the southerly
side of 114th Ave. with the
easterly side of 131st St.,
being a plot 100.37 ft. x 24
ft. Approx. amt. of judgment
is $60,010.67 plus costs
and interest. Sold subject to
terms and conditions of filed
judgment and terms of sale.
ELIZABETH GILL, Referee.
THE MARGOLIN & WEINREB
LAW GROUP LLP,
Attys. for Pltf.,
165 Eileen Way Suite 101,
Syosset, NY 11791
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NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT:
QUEENS COUNTY.
THE BANK OF NEW YORK
MELLON TRUST COMPANY
N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR
GMACM HOME EQUITY
LOAN TRUST 2007-HE2, Pltf.
vs. BARYLAI OBAIDI, et al,
Defts. Index #701812/13.
Pursuant to judgment of
foreclosure and sale entered
October 11, 2018, I will sell at
public auction in Courtroom #25
of the Queens County Supreme
Court, 88-11 Sutphin Blvd.,
Jamaica, NY on December 7,
2018 at 10:00 a.m. prem. k/a
158-18 77th Road, Flushing,
NY a/k/a Block 6828, Lot 37.
Said property beginning at a
point on the southerly side of
77th Road, distant 320 ft.
westerly from the corner
formed by the intersection of
the southerly side of 77th Road
and the westerly side of 160th
Street, being plot 100 ft. x 40
ft. Approx. amt. of judgment is
$72,582.74 plus costs and
interest. Sold subject to terms
and conditions of filed judgment
and terms of sale.
CYNTHIA BAKER, Referee.
COHN & ROTH,
Attys. for Pltf.,
100 East Old Country Rd.,
Mineola, NY. #95832

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT
COUNTY OF QUEENS
HSBC BANK USA, N.A.,
Plaintiff against RONALD A. LOPEZ;
SUZETTE P. LOPEZ,
et al Defendant(s).
Pursuant to a Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale entered on
October 4, 2018. I, the undersigned
Referee will sell at public auction
at the Queens County Supreme
Courthouse, 88-11 Sutphin
Boulevard, Court Room # 25,
Jamaica, N.Y. on the 7th day of
December, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.
premises described as follows:
All that certain plot, piece or parcel
of land, situate, lying and being in
the Borough and county of Queens,
City and State of New York.
Said premises known as 13624
220th Place a/k/a 136-24 220th
Place, Laurelton, N.Y. 11413.
(Block: 13112, Lot: 46).
Approximate amount of lien
$90,551.88 plus interest and costs.
Premises will be sold subject to
provisions of filed judgment
and terms of sale.
Index No. 705457-14.
Gary Darche, Esq., Referee.
McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, P.C.
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that a license, Number 1313956, for Restaurant Wine has been applied for by the undersigned to sell Wine, Beer & Cider at retail in a Restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 5817 4th Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11220. Kings County, for on premises consumption. El Espino Restaurant Corp.

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that a license, Serial # 1314425, for Liquor, Wine & Beer has been applied for by the undersigned to sell Liquor, Wine & Beer at retail under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 412 Amsterdam Ave., New York, NY 10024. New York County, for on premise consumption. Bettola NYC Corp.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that a license, Number TBA, for Beer & Wine has been applied for by the undersigned to sell Wine, Beer & Cider at retail in a Restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 232 N. 12th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11211. Kings County, for on premises consumption. Ganzos, LLC.

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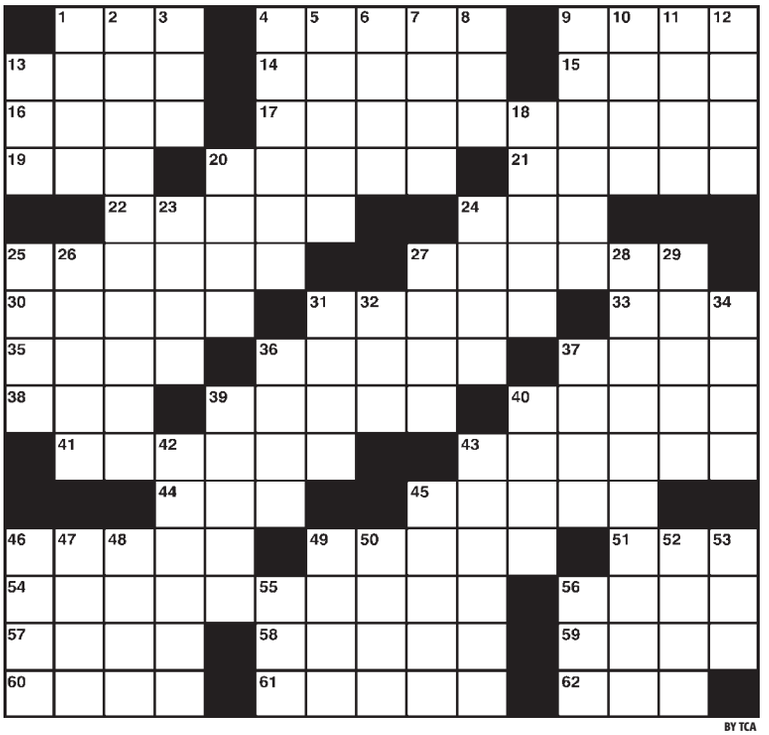

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17 "...and lead us not into __..."
19 Lively dance
20 __ about; praises highly
21 Pennies
22 Furious
24 Feasted on
25 Supernatural
27 Not required to serve
30 Royal decree
31 Was indisposed
33 Curved bone
35 Walkway
36 Soft-furred weasel cousins
37 Long sandwich
38 __ Beta Kappa
39 Leaves the car
40 Adds booze to the punch
41 Academy Awards
43 Coleslaws
44 Hurry
45 Blanket
46 Person
49 Money, slangily
51 Debtor's note
54 Punctuation mark
56 Dinner course
57 Young animal
58 Perfect
59 Shacks
60 Patella's place
61 Late comedian Jack
62 Suffix for murder or count

DOWN

1 Hawaiian island
2 Gum problem
3 Fem. title
4 Grand home
5 Martin or Allen
6 Identical
7 European range
8 However
9 Respect highly
10 Part of the face
11 Hilarious person
12 __ up; confesses
13 JFK's successor
18 Played a role
20 Angry speech
23 Well-to-do
24 Paul Bunyan's tools
25 Actor Johnny
26 Potato exporter
27 Antlered animals
28 Risky; uncertain
29 Spent
31 Haughtiness
32 Pen contents
34 Supervisor
36 Female animal
37 Vigorous
39 "__ Your Wagon"; Broadway musical
40 Vesuvius' output
42 Pure
43 Exclusively
45 Composer George M. __
46 Break into another's PC
47 Come __; find
48 Beauty spot
49 Pie à la __
50 __ house; realtor's event
52 On the __ with; not speaking to
53 FedEx rival
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